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Chief search delayed until safety position filled

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The search for UK's new police chief has been put on hold until a new director of public safety is chosen, UK spokesperson Jay Blanton said.

In October, Ken Clevidence, the associate vice president of auxiliary services, announced his intention to retire this June and the idea of replacing him with a director of public safety began to unfold. The new police chief would report to the director.

"When he (Clevidence) announced his intention to retire, Frank Butler took the opportunity to rethink the position in that general area," Blanton said. "He modified it some and out of that created this new position."

Butler, the executive vice president for finances and administration, was leading the search for a new police chief along with Kim Wilson, the vice president for human resources. He wanted to wait until after a director of public safety is chosen to continue that search so that person may also add input to the police chief decision, Blanton said.

"I don't think they had gotten all that far with the police chief," Blanton said. "They were looking at potential candidates, but once Mr. Butler decided to move in this direction they engaged more specifically on the director of public safety."

The new director of public safety will oversee the police department,

parking and transportation, environmental health services and emergency management. The position will be slightly different than the one Clevidence holds, Blanton said, with a few additional duties.

Candidates for this position are interviewing with several people on campus from within the main administration, athletics, hospital administration and other departments that will be affected by the decision. Although none of the candidates are from UK's current administration, they all have experience with university police departments, Blanton said.

Fewer than 10 people are being considered at this point and a new director should be appointed within the

first few months of the year.

"Frank Butler would like someone in that position sooner rather than later," Blanton said.

In the meantime Maj. Joe Monroe of UK Police will continue to serve as interim police chief.

Monroe maintains that if the administration were to permanently offer him the position of police chief, he would be interested in accepting it.

He was a finalist in the previous chief search, which selected McDonald Vick, who resigned last summer when sexual harassment and bribery charges came to light. Monroe said he has not heard anything from the administration indicating interest in him.

"I have no idea what's going on

with it," Monroe said. "They haven't talked to me or anyone else in the department."

Some in the department would like to see the next chief come internally but have doubts on the administrations receptiveness to the idea.

"I'd love to see someone from within the department chosen as police chief, but it's not going to happen," said Capt. Kevin Franklin of UK Police.

"Generally their (the administration's) rationale is if they do national searches they get better people, and I'm sure sometimes they do. That's just the way it is and the way it's always been.

"I believe he (Monroe) could do it and I think he deserves it, but it's not up to me to make that decision."

Blazer cafe set to get millions in renovations

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Extensive \$1.4 million renovation plans for Blazer Cafe were approved at the December UK Board of Trustees meeting.

The renovations will occur in four phases with the first beginning in February. The phase will include a new salad, sandwich and beverage area near Blazer Express. This will be one of three demonstration stations that allow students to see the food while it is being prepared, said Director of Dining Services Jeff DeMoss.

This will be Blazer Cafe's first major renovation in about 45 years, DeMoss said. Minor renovations began in 2004 with limited changes including new lighting, fixtures and furniture at a cost of \$520,000.

Students surveyed two years ago on dining services asked for fresh and healthy food. The three demonstration stations are the "wow" behind how dining services hopes to address students' concerns through the renovations, DeMoss said.

"We're moving the kitchen to the front of the house," DeMoss said. "The goal is to improve the ambiance along with the perception of quality."

"For Dining Services to accomplish the kind of service it wants, this renovation is necessary."

RUSS WILLIAMS
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The next three phases call for an international food and pizza demonstration station, an updated grill and serving area, and an updated dishwashing area that will allow for the use of china and stainless steel. Work on these phases will begin in May, and dining services plans to have all renovations completed by August 2007, DeMoss said.

Because the state legislature must approve bonds for projects, Dining Services is paying for the renovations with its available fund balance. Dining Services raised the funding over the past two years through revenue from customers and catering events, DeMoss said.

If bond money is approved for use on this project in the future, DeMoss said Dining Services will apply the money it raised to other projects.

Board of Trustees staff representative Russ Williams said improving the quality of food service sends a good message to the students.

"I'm glad (the BOT) was able to approve the project," Williams said. "For Dining Services to accomplish the kind of service it wants, this renovation is necessary."

"There's still a lot of area for growth in dining services at UK," DeMoss said.

In addition to renovations at Blazer Cafe, Dining Services plans to bring a Subway to K-Lair this summer.

Commons Market, which has not been renovated in 15 years, is the next area of concern for Dining Services. Renovations will cost approximately \$1.5 to \$2 million, and unless Dining Services receives bond money, it will be at least another two years before those changes begin.

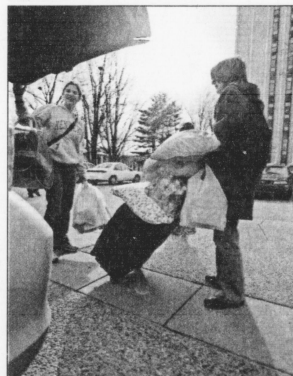


Bobbi Doll helps her daughter Brooke Doll, a freshman hospitality major, unload and carry in her belongings for the new semester.

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MOVING IN A WINTER WONDERLAND

With snow blowing in students moved back into their south campus dorms yesterday afternoon. The dorms reopened Sunday.



Linda Moorhead, an undeclared freshman, and her mother, Carol, help friend and biology major Hannah Waddell move her belongings into Blanding Tower yesterday afternoon.

ED MATTHEWS | STAFF

International students benefit from coat drive

By Emily Coovert
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Winter may be a little more bearable for many UK international students and their families thanks to the university's Office of International Affairs.

The university has 1,500 international students from about 100 different countries and many are from warm climates and do not own winter coats. The OIA is holding a coat drive this season so these students can be warm during the cold weather.

"Many of the students brought plenty of other clothes, but haven't needed a warm coat before," said Karen Slaymaker, international student coordinator.

Many of these students are from India, one of the several countries with a climate warmer than Kentucky.

The drive is not limited to coats. Other winter items such as hats, scarves, mittens and gloves are also needed.

"One member of the women's club made scarves for all the new international students," Slaymaker said.

All donations go to the "Lending Closet," which provides various winter items for international students, scholars and their families. Preferred donations generally include gently used winter coats and sweaters, blankets and pillows.

International students hear about the Lending Closet during orientation when they first reach the university.

It's first come first serve, Slaymaker said. After the students graduate, they pass what they borrowed from the Lending Closet on to one of the new international students.

While the Lending Closet is always open for donations, the OIA hopes to make this coat drive an annual event.

"It's nice to welcome new international students and scholars to campus," Slaymaker said. "This is just one of the ways we can help (them) adjust to life in Lexington."

Donations are being accepted in rooms 203 and 204 of the OIA in Bradley Hall. Those unable to deliver coats in person can call the OIA at (859) 257-4067 or e-mail Karen Slaymaker at kmslay0@uky.edu to make pickup arrangements.

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THE DISH

By Patrick Goldstein
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HOLLYWOOD — OK, so I have to admit, it was a little disconcerting to see Sacha Baron Cohen without his "Borat" mustache.

When the lanky comedian showed up the other day for his first newspaper interview as himself since the inception of Borat-mania last fall, Cohen looked a little smaller than life, especially compared with the outside character who caused such a sensation in "Borat," the surprise hit that managed to be something for all people, whether you laughed at Borat's outlandish behavior — or the people who indulged it.

Sipping hot lemon tea at a coffee shop in Santa Monica, Cohen had the air of a man who had shed a layer of skin that had been worn to a frazzle. With a thatch of unruly black hair and a three-day beard, wearing a rumpled corduroy jacket, the 35-year-old comic could pass for a young film professor at the University of California, Los Angeles without attracting a second glance. His thick Kazakh accent was gone, replaced by a sober British purr.

Most comics drop the act when the movie finishes. But for months last fall, wherever he went, Cohen arrived in full Borat drag, taking the Toronto Film Festival by storm, holding a news conference outside the Kazakh embassy in Washington and, while accepting a magazine award, praising Mel Gibson, saying, "It is you, not me, who

Borat gives Cohen license to be outrageous

should receive this GQ award for anti-Jew warrior of the year."

It was brilliant marketing, with news organizations happily turning their reporters into straight men for a series of mad-cap interviews. In a way, Cohen's still at it. His publicist first called with the idea of Cohen doing an interview — as himself — the day after he scored a Golden Globe nomination. Coincidence? I think not.

Still, the burden of being Borat took its toll, especially during months of filming when, to keep up the charade, he was Borat from dawn to dusk.

"It was exhausting," he recalls, slumped in the booth, fighting off a nagging cold. "I had to be that way all day and all night, because even if the tiniest detail had gone awry, it could've made them suspicious. I mean, even if I went to the bathroom, I had to make sure I went to the bathroom as Borat."

He allowed a tiny sliver of a smile. "There would definitely be potpourri in the toilet, so you'd know Borat had been there."

In an era when entertainers have to apologize for any sort of intemperate remark, Cohen cleverly created a comic character that provided him free passage for all sorts of outrageous behavior, be it lewd remarks about women, mocking of worshippers at a Pentecostal church or a visit to a gun shop where he asked the proprietor, "What is best gun to defend against Jew?"

Having perfected this sly

stitch in television doing "Da Ali G Show," where he posed as a gold-chain-encrusted hip-hop duncer, torturing a variety of government officials with wildly inappropriate questions, Cohen has become a master provocateur. Borat — whose persona dates to "Ali G" — seems uniquely suited to our time, even if the character has deep comedy roots. If you wanted to see a nice Jewish boy assume an ethnic identity as a way to passing himself off as a cartoonish insult artist and womanizer, you could watch Chico Marx in any Mary Brothers comedy.

And although nothing can top the incomparable "Ali G" sketch in which Borat gets a crowd to sing along to "Throw the Jew Down the Well" in a redneck bar, it owes a debt to the work of Randy Newman, who would gleefully encourage similar sing-a-longs to "Short People" ("They got little hands, little eyes, they walk around telling great big lies") as if he were endorsing the song's unsettling sentiment. Cohen's breakthrough is that he presents his comedy in a realistic setting — with recognizable people, people who might live next door, as foils. It gives his bits a barbed authenticity that is often as troubling as it is funny.

"Throw the Jew Down the Well" was only interesting because the people in the bar started to sing along," he explains. Some of the people Cohen and his director, Larry Charles, filmed say their actions were taken out of context, a charge Cohen vehemently denies.

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HOROSCOPES

By Linda C. Black

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21 – April 19) Today is a 6 — You'll do better if you delegate the negotiations to an expert. Choose a person who has a lot more patience than you do.
Taurus (April 20 – May 20) Today is a 6 — The urgency is increasing, which only makes your imagination work overtime. Face it — you do better under pressure.

Gemini (May 21 – June 21) Today is a 6 — A way is discovered where everyone thought there wasn't one, before. They're right. This one just appeared out of nowhere. Choose it,

while you can.
Cancer (June 22 – July 22) Today is an 8 — Cleaning up messes at your place moves up into a higher priority. Be careful not to make things too much worse, before they get better.

Leo (July 23 – Aug. 22) Today is a 7 — The more you educate yourself, the more attractive you'll become. You're always most interesting when you're interested.

Virgo (Aug. 23 – Sept. 22) Today is an 8 — It seems that an expenditure will be required to fix what's broken. Luckily, you can afford this, due to previous careful spending.

Libra (Sept. 23 – Oct. 22) Today is a 6 — The results are coming in, and soon you'll be past this testing phase. Don't worry, you'll do well, as usual. You always do.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 – Nov. 21) Today is a 7 — You could be confronted with information you'd just as soon avoid. Confession is good for the

soul, and this time, it's good for business, too.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 – Dec. 21) Today is a 7 — You've earned the admiration of others, through your recent actions. Accept the encouragement, and you'll be inspired to even greater heights.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 – Jan. 19) Today is an 8 — Show that you're ready to take on more responsibility. Get all that stuff done that you've already been asked to do.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 – Feb. 18) Today is a 6 — A visit to friends who truly understand you is in order. You know, the crazy, generous, hilarious bunch who always make you laugh. Funny movies will work, too.

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Q&A with the Student Activities Board

Spotlight on SAB President Britt Pennington

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This year, the Kernel has been spotlighting various campus leaders. This week we are featuring Britt Pennington, the president of UK's Student Activities Board. Pennington is a communications junior and is serving her first year as president of SAB.

Q. What is SAB?

A. SAB is a student-run organization funded by student fees. The main goal of SAB is to provide programming for campus by having concerts, comedians and multicultural events.

Q. What are the other goals for SAB?

A. Our goal is to provide a wide range of programming — something every student can enjoy. We aim to provide a diverse range of events, so throughout the year you are bound to like something we put out.

Q. How long has it been in existence?

A. We looked at that when I first got here. No one knows the exact date, but when students come to visit campus, the parents who attended UK say things like they remember when they served on SAB and Sting or the Red Hot Chili Peppers came. Some even remember when Jimmy Buffet came to campus. It is a generational thing. It is kind of nice that it has been around for so long.

Q. Who determines how much each activity/committee gets?

A. It is a proposal process, and takes two weeks of voting. The first week the program goes to the board's weekly board meeting. They present their idea to everyone, and the board has a week to research and think about the proposal. The next week they vote where they read over the proposal again. It is really nice, because everyone has a shot at it.

Q. How much money does SAB have to work with this year?

A. With carry over from last year, we have around \$400,000.

Q. How did you get involved in SAB?

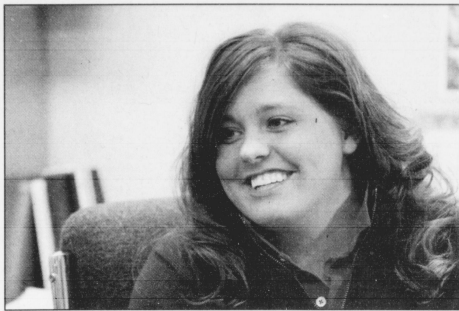
A. This is actually my first year in SAB. It is kind of a funny story. Last year the position for president reopened. My mom read the Kernel online everyday, so she saw the ad for it in the Kernel that day and told me about it.

It was during the student government elections last year, but mom said to just try it. I applied, and received it and here I am a year later.

Q. What is the process you went through to become president?

A. It is made through selections. There is a selection committee, which consists of the former executive committee, three non-returning SAB members, and two outside representatives.

These outside representatives are people familiar with leadership. Advisors sit in too, but they don't vote. The interview



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This is Britt Pennington's first year both as a member and as president of Student Activities Board. She hopes to build on SAB's success from last semester and continue to bring events to campus that appeal to all students.

process is about a half hour and they ask anything from what your goals as SAB president would be to if you could be any kind of cereal what would it be and why? It can be a pretty grueling process.

Q. How do you decide what activities will be at UK?

A. There is a national conference called the NACA, the National Association of College Activities, every year. It is a conference showcasing different artists that you can bring to your school. This is how we decide some of them.

Others in SAB do individual research. Josh (Rupp, the concerts committee chair) looks at Pure Volume (a Website featuring musical artists) to see who is performing. They look at current magazines and pull from pop culture. Mike Henry, a writer for "Family Guy," is coming to campus. We see what is fun and in, and we draw from that.

Q. The activities seemed very successful last year, how do you plan on maintaining that success this semester?

A. We did have a very successful semester, and I am proud and excited. We did more events last semester than the entire year last year. We had a little over 40 events this semester.

This spring semester will be lighter, because there are basketball and other programs going on. The programmers really look for programs outside of the box. We try to look to what students actually want, and I have complete faith that every program passed. I can't wait for this semester to get started. I am very excited.

This semester we have the Little Kentucky Derby, and this is the second year of reviving that. We added events to it this year, and I am praying for good weather. It used to be such a huge, essential part of campus, and I hope to get that again.

Q. If any person/group said no to UK how do you handle that?

A. It is a lot of dealing with agents and booking. You never know about things, and that is the hardest part of it. It involves a lot of scheduling, and the advisors are excellent about helping us.

We have been given this great opportunity to spend money, but we always want to be careful with it. We don't want to get into a situation where the person demands more money than originally and things like that.

This organization allows you to grow up and be mature. I get the chance to talk to an agent that someone at Rupp Arena could just as easily book, but instead they are talking to someone our age. Sometimes artists can't make it, because things come up. That is the nature of this business, and you just have to move on.

Q. As president, what are your goals for SAB this semester?

A. I really just want to increase attendance, and this is a permanent goal for everyone. I would love to see the organization grow and reach a broader range on campus. I want to continue providing entertainment, making students happy and giving them a break from school.

I don't want to loose steam. I couldn't be happier with the fall, and I look to spring to be amazing.

Q. What have you learned from being president?

A. This has really prepared me for real life. I have to be in my office, buy office supplies, go to meetings, still maintain school and my life. It has allowed me to grow up a lot and look at my strengths and weaknesses as a person and a leader.

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'La Boheme' shuns props, costumes to focus on music

By Elie Fairbanks
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Even though Giacomo Puccini's "La Boheme" was first performed in 1896, its themes are as relevant today as they were in the 17th century. While the opera's depictions of love, friendship and tragedy are set in 1830s Bohemian Paris, today's audience members should still be able to see parts of themselves within the characters, said J.R. Cassidy, the music director of the Kentucky Symphony Orchestra.

"La Boheme tells the story of young people doing what they want to do without any money," said Cassidy. "Even though the characters are poor, they have fun. This is definitely something that college kids can identify with."

In collaboration with the Kentucky Symphony Orchestra, UK Opera will present "La Boheme" Friday at 8 p.m. at Northern Kentucky University's Greaves Concert Hall and Sunday at 3 p.m. at the Singletary Center for the Arts.

Dr. Everett McCorvey, the director of UK Opera, said working with the Kentucky Symphony Orchestra is a great opportunity for both the students involved and the symphony.

"UK Opera is providing the supporting roles for this produc-

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What: UK Opera with the Kentucky Symphony Orchestra
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tion, and professional singers are providing the main roles," McCorvey said. "This is a rare opportunity for our students to get to work side-by-side with professionals."

Cassidy agrees that the collaboration is broadening not only the students' horizons, but also the symphony's and audiences'.

"This is great for (the symphony) because we get to go places we don't normally get to go," Cassidy said. "We're really getting the chance to benefit from UK's talents and teachings when we can work with the students."

"Because 'La Boheme' is being performed as a concert, without sets or costumes, the orchestra, student and professional

performers have a great opportunity to focus on the singing and accompaniment of the production," Cassidy said.

"Getting the chance to play a complete opera is really great for the orchestra," Cassidy said. "Everyone has to be able to immediately respond to differences in the singers' performances. It's really making the orchestra more flexible."

"La Boheme" is the second most frequently performed opera, Cassidy said. Recently, "La Boheme" has become better known because of the popularity of the Broadway show and 2005 movie version of "Rent," which is loosely based on "La Boheme."

"La Boheme," like "Rent," follows the story of a group of Bohemian friends. "Boheme" centers on Rodolfo and Marcello, a poet and painter, respectively. Because they have no money, the roommates must burn the manuscripts of Rodolfo's work. Rodolfo falls in love with Mimì, a seamstress, and "La Boheme" tells the story of their love. McCorvey said, "The melodies throughout 'Boheme' are passionate and sweeping," McCorvey said. "They will just rip your heart out."

"By the end of the show, there shouldn't be a dry eye in the audience," Cassidy said.

Report: 2006 the warmest year in over a century

By Marc Kaufman
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — Last year was the warmest in the continental United States of the past 112 years — capping a nine-year warming streak "unprecedented in the historical record," the government said Tuesday. It also said that climate change caused by the burning of fossil fuels has set the stage for the ever hotter temperatures.

According to the government's National Climatic Data Center, the record-breaking warmth — which caused daffodils and cherry trees to bloom throughout the East this past New Year's Day — was the result of both unusual regional weather patterns and the long-term effects of the buildup of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere.

"People should be concerned about what we are doing to the climate," said Jay Lawrimore, chief of the climate monitoring branch of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. "Burning of fossil fuels is causing an increase in greenhouse gases, and there's a broad scientific consensus that is producing climate change."

Average temperatures nationwide in 2006 were more than 2.2 degrees Fahrenheit higher than the mean temperatures nationwide for the 20th century, the agency said. It reported that seven months in 2006 were much warmer than average, and that last month was the fourth warmest December on record. Average temperatures for all 48 continental states were above or well above average, and New Jersey logged its hottest temperatures ever.

Many researchers are concerned that rising temperatures could lead to widespread melting of the polar ice caps, resulting in higher sea levels and more extreme droughts and storms. But NOAA also pointed one silver lining — the unusually warm temperatures from October to December helped reduce residential energy use for heating by 13.5 percent below the average for that period.

NOAA said an El Nino weather pattern in the equatorial Pacific also contributed to the warm temperatures by blocking cold Arctic air from moving south and east across the nation.

Climate experts generally do not make much of temperature fluctuations over one or two years, but Lawrimore said the record 2006 temperatures were part of a long and worrisome trend. For instance, NOAA said, the past nine years have all been among the 25 warmest years on record for the continental United States.

Advocates for doing more to control the carbon dioxide emissions also voiced concern.

"No one should be surprised that 2006 is the hottest year on record for the U.S.," said Brenda Ekwurzel, a climate scientist with the Union of Concerned Scientists, a public interest group. "When you look at temperatures across the globe, every single year since 1993 has been in the top 20 warmest years on record."

"Realistically, we have to start fighting global warming in the next 10 years if we want to secure a safe environment for our children and grandchildren," she said.

Lawrimore said other NOAA research has found that northern hemisphere temperatures have not been this high for more than 1,000 years, and that the rate of temperature increase has been significantly greater in the past 30 years than any time since the government started collecting national temperature data. The government has been collecting temperature data since 1895, currently from a total of 1,200 sites. Globally, 2005 was the hottest year on record, Lawrimore said, and 2006 was slightly cooler.

He said that while there is a scientific consensus that carbon dioxide from cars, power plants and factories is leading to global warming, there is no consensus yet on whether the warming will increase more quickly or more slowly in the future. Some researchers have predicted that temperatures worldwide will increase by a catastrophic 7 to 8 degrees on average by the end of the century, while others project an increase of a more modest 2 degrees by century's end.

The burning of oil and other fossil fuels releases carbon dioxide, which rises, blankets the Earth and traps heat. Climate scientists report there has not been this much carbon dioxide in the atmosphere in the past 650,000 years. The Bush administration has rejected proposals to cap carbon dioxide emissions or impose carbon taxes as a way to limit global warming. Lawrimore said he believed the problem could and should be addressed by developing new technologies for powering vehicles and industry.

Late December's springlike temperatures in the eastern two-thirds of the country made it the fourth warmest December on record in the U.S. and contributed greatly to the record yearly high. Several northern cities were among the most unusually warm, with Boston 8 degrees above average and Minneapolis-St. Paul 17 degrees above average for the last three weeks of the month.

Parties prepare for Bush speech

By Maury Reynolds and Noam N. Levy
LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON — President Bush spent hours Tuesday practicing in front of cameras, preparing to make his case for increasing the U.S. military commitment in Iraq in a prime-time address to the nation Wednesday night, even as congressional Democrats readied legislation to block any increase in the number of troops.

Members of Congress who met with Bush said he appears to understand that, after years of upbeat rhetoric and positive assessments that belied a lack of progress inside the country, his credibility is on the line.

"He told us what he planned to say tomorrow," said Rep. Jane Harman, D-Calif., one of about a dozen House members who met with the president and his top advisers for more than an hour Tuesday afternoon. "In terms of tough moments in his presidency, this is it."

Sen. Trent Lott of Mississippi, the Senate's second-ranking Republican, said Republicans and Democrats would be listening for a note of contrition in the president's voice.

Lawmakers who have met with Bush this week say he intends to ask for about 20,000 additional troops to shift the strategy in Iraq toward ending sectarian violence and increasing security on the ground for Iraqi civilians in restive areas. According to the lawmakers, the troubled Iraqi

government has agreed to meet benchmarks of political progress as a condition of the troop increase.

"His speech is going to clearly show that he is calling for an escalation in Iraq," Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., told reporters. In an hourlong White House meeting, Bush gave a rundown of the speech to House Democrats, who gave him a tepid response. Rep. Adam Smith, D-Wash., said no lawmaker in his meeting supported the new policy.

"It was not a confrontational meeting," said Rep. Ellen Tauscher, D-Calif., who said she stressed the importance of the Iraqi government making political progress. "I think he understands that, at some level, this is the last best chance."

"I said a surge in troops was a good idea three years ago, but not now," Harman said. "Other strategies — political and diplomatic — right now are more critical."

Reid said he intends to bring at least a non-binding resolution to the Senate floor next week to permit Democrats and Republicans to vote against a troop increase. A similar measure is planned in the House.

In addition, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., introduced legislation Tuesday to cut off funding for any troops above the current level of 132,000. It also would require the president to seek congressional approval before sending any additional military forces to Iraq.

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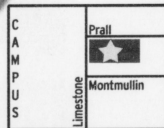
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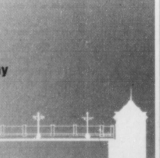



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Archer resigns to take job elsewhere

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UK defensive coordinator Mike Archer resigned last night to accept another coaching position, the athletic department announced in a statement.

Archer interviewed for the defensive coordinator position at North Carolina State last week, but UK has declined to identify the school whose offer Archer accepted.

UK media relations director Tony Neely said it was up to the other school to announce its hire.

Head coach Rich Brooks said he has appreciated Archer's help over the past four years.

"Obviously, we had a very difficult rebuilding job but he got it done this year with a relatively young defensive group," Brooks said in the statement.

Archer leaves after UK's defense finished 118 out of 119 in Division I-A in total defense and passing defense. Despite those poor results, UK managed to finish second in the nation in turnover margin and third in fumble recoveries.

"I greatly appreciate what Coach Brooks has done in support of me," Archer said in the statement. "I also thank our coaches, our players, and our

fans. The bowl game was a great experience, something I'll never forget, especially how our fans turned out for the 'Cat Walk' before the game."

N.C. State media relations director Annabelle Myers declined to comment on Archer or about the school's vacant defensive coordinator position.

"We cannot release a hire until human resources OK's it," Myers said in an e-mail.

Archer has ties to N.C. State, and new head coach Tom O'Brien. Archer and O'Brien, who spent the last 10 years at

Boston College, coached together at Virginia in 1991-1992. Prior to his stint at UK, Archer worked at Miami (Fla.), Louisiana State, Pittsburgh Steelers and UK from 1993-1995.

Brooks said he will be making an announcement on a replacement soon.

At a press conference on Friday, Brooks was asked by a reporter who his defensive coordinator was going to be for the 2007-2008 season.

"Until I know different, it will be the same as it was last year," Brooks said. "...We'll visit this weekend, and see

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Archer

Where is everybody going?

Coach, player changes plague state programs

Last week, after UK beat Clemson in the Music City Bowl and U of L won the Orange Bowl, it appeared that football in the Bluegrass was climbing the hill of the college football roller coaster, bound for national prominence in 2007.

With nearly everyone back from an 8-5 team that could have won ten games, UK could legitimately be viewed as a Top-25 candidate. With the coach, quarterback and running back returning from a Big East champion and BCS-winning team, Louisville could legitimately be considered a national title contender.

Not anymore. It now appears that we knew not what we had in 2006, because this past season might be as good as it gets in this state. On Monday, U of L head coach Bobby Petrino bolted the Derby City for the money, prestige and headaches of the NFL's Atlanta Falcons (five years, \$24 million). Soon after, running back Michael Bush announced he was following his head coach to the pros. Both could soon be joined by his Heisman-candidate quarterback Brian Brohm.

The departures won't put the 'Ville back at square one, but Hunter Cantwell and George Stripling don't quite have the same ring (or talent) as Bush and Brohm.

As for Petrino - even though he has been called everything from "prickly" (nice way of putting it) to "tramp" (mean) to "ass" (accurate) by the Louisville and national media - he can coach. His loss will hurt more than losing Bush and Brohm. U of L has already tabbed Tulsa coach Steve Kragthorpe as Petrino's replacement. While he seems like a capable choice, it's usually difficult for a coaching change to occur without at least some minor hiccups.

Closer to home, the Cats haven't experienced anything near the kind of upheaval that has sent that city 80 miles away into a tizzy. Rich Brooks has a new contract, the quarterback says he's returning and the running back seems likely to do so. The coaching changes in Lexington are minor, with running backs coach Ron Caragher bolting to become head coach at the University of San Diego and defensive coordinator Mike Archer ending his stay at UK by accepting a job at another school. Neither of those departures are as pivotal as Petrino's from U of L.

While Bush isn't returning and Brohm might not, it's possible UK might not lose any underclassmen. Keenan Burton has yet to make a decision on what he will do, but his father said he was 50/50 in a Courier-Journal story published yesterday.

The junior wide receiver scored 13 touchdowns this season and led the SEC in all-purpose yards on his way to first team all-SEC honors. Even with those accomplishments, Burton would be wise to stick around for another season and watch his NFL Draft stock soar.

Even if Burton comes back, though, the Cats will be hard-pressed to increase their win total next season. In 2006, all of UK's winnable games (Georgia, Vanderbilt, Ole Miss, South Carolina) were at home, and all the games UK wasn't going to win (Louisville, Florida, Louisiana State) were away. That's what you want.

In 2007, the tougher games (Louisville, Florida, LSU, Tennessee) are at home. That's good for ticket sales, and bad for the won-loss record. It means UK probably has to win at least two of those, and then find a way to win two conference road games, just to get to eight wins.

Two weeks ago, we watched with glee as the roller coaster climbed the hill. Now, it might be time to stick our hands in the air and scream. That's what you do when you've reached the top, because there's nowhere to go but down.



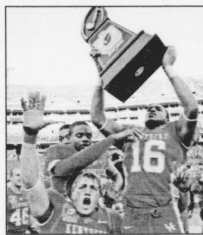
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Kernel columnist

Dancing in the Music City

Cats defeat ACC power Clemson on Dec. 29

The season started with a 31-point loss to Louisville and appeared to hit rock bottom after a 49-0 loss to LSU that left the Cats with a 3-4 record. Five wins over the next six games resurrected the season and perhaps saved Rich Brooks' job. The Cats ended the season with a 28-20 win over Clemson in the Music City Bowl to give them their first bowl win in more than two decades.

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Above: Head coach Rich Brooks jumps into his players, who were posing with their trophy after defeating Clemson 28-20 in the Music City Bowl.
Top: Wesley Woodyard, right, holds up the Music City Bowl trophy while Dicky Lyons Jr., left, and Marcus McClinton celebrate their win.

Cats hope to ride consistency into Top-25

By Jonathan Smith
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Randolph Morris doesn't think the UK men's basketball team should be ranked. Neither does Tubby Smith.

But why? Both offered the same answer.

"We don't have a signature win so far, so that argument certainly has validity," Morris said. "All of our losses have come to teams in the top-25. We need to come out and play well in the SEC and against top-25 teams and then maybe we can break into the polls."

Tonight's game against Auburn doesn't figure to be the signature win the Cats need to climb back into the polls. But the Cats (12-3 overall, 1-0 Southeastern Conference), if they continue their current pace, might pick up the banner win they need.

After dropping a 75-63 decision to now No. 1 North Carolina in early December, the Cats have won eight straight games by an average margin of 11.3 points.

UK doesn't play a ranked team again until Jan. 28 against Tennessee, so the winning streak could remain intact if they continue their consistent play.

Over the course of the winning streak, the Cats have out-rebounded their opponents in 6-of-8 games.

Much of that success starts with Morris. The 6-foot-11 junior center has averaged 8.5 rebounds during the streak, and in five of the games, he pulled down double-digit rebounds.

"Good rebounding is always important," Morris said. "You can't rebound too much or over-rebound. You can never be satisfied; you

just have to keep working out there."

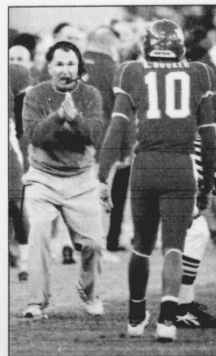
On top of the rebounding regularity, the defense has been a constant for the Cats during their streak.

UK has given up 70 points only once, and limited their opponents to less than 40 percent shooting seven times (the Cats held Louisville to 27 percent shooting in a 61-49 win over the Cardinals.) Against Ole Miss on Saturday, Smith said the Cats played their best defensive game of the season.

But even as the Cats have excelled on defense for most of the season, they do have room for improvement, Smith said.

"Usually (the problem) happens in transition when you are broken down," Smith said. "Looking back at Ole Miss and (Rebel guard) Todd Abernethy, they just kind of went around

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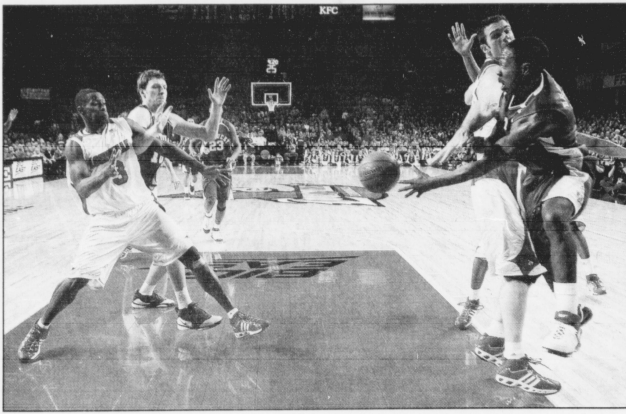
UK head coach Rich Brooks yells at senior cornerback Karl Booker from the sidelines near the end of UK's win over Clemson in the Music City Bowl.

KETH SMILEY | STAFF

MEN'S BASKETBALL

UK junior guard Ramel Bradley passes to senior center Lukasz Obrzut while Louisville's Juan Palacios defends in UK's 61-49 win on Dec. 16 at Freedom Hall.

KETH SMILEY STAFF



Cats win 6 straight during winter break

UK v. Louisville

12/16/2006 Nobody expected UK's game against state rival Louisville to be won by the Wildcat bench. But, after junior center and top scorer Randolph Morris received his second foul after only four minutes and 20 seconds in the first half, that's exactly what took place for the Cats to edge out U of L 61-49 in Freedom Hall.

Immediately after Morris came out to sit on the bench for the remaining 15:40 in the first half, UK head coach Tubby Smith subbed in senior center Lukasz Obrzut and senior forward Sherya Thomas to help stabilize UK's low post play. The duo combined for nine points and 10 rebounds and helped the Cats limit the Cards just 27 percent shooting.

Morris continued to be in foul trouble the rest of the game and would end with a season-low two points.

Freshman guard Jodie Meeks also helped fill the offensive void left by Morris, scoring a career-high 18 points. Meeks scored nine straight points during the middle of the second half when the Cards were up 41-40.

The win over intra-state rivals U of L was a welcome one for UK who had recently lost to UCLA and North Carolina.

Smith praised the performance of his team, especially his subs.

"We got some outstanding plays from some people that we needed to have play well and that's what teams do," Smith said. "I think they know I have confidence in them and they stepped up and produced."

Santa Clara

12/19/2006 Junior center Randolph Morris bounced back from his problem-stricken game against Louisville to lead UK with 23 points and a career-high 13 rebounds and to help the Cats beat Santa Clara 74-60. Santa Clara

hoped to use its two 6-foot-11 starters to keep UK away from the paint, penetrate the Cats' defense and keep UK in foul trouble. Morris was sent out of this trap, finishing the game with only one foul.

Junior guard Ramel Bradley had 14 points, while freshman point guard Derrick Jasper scored added 10 in for the Cats. UK shot just 41 percent from the field.

Massachusetts

12/22/2006 Former UK player Travis Ford came back to the Bluegrass to play against his alma mater. Stepping into Rupp Arena, his team had already beaten Louisville and hoped to be the first coach in nine years to beat both state basketball powerhouses. But Ford's homecoming ended up to be a tough one as the Cats ripped through his UMass team 82-68.

Juniors Joe Crawford, Ramel Bradley and Randolph Morris each had 14 points to get UK its fifth straight win.

UMass guard James Life gave his team energy, as he scored 24 points. Fouls again became an issue during the game as senior forward Bobby Perry fouled out and Morris finished with four. UK's newest player, Ramon Harris of Alaska, also played two minutes and scored his first two points as a Wildcat.

Eastern Kentucky

12/30/2006 Randolph Morris and Ramel Bradley lead the Cats with a combined 45 points as UK pushed its way past Eastern Kentucky 78-65.

Morris ended the game with 25 points and 10 rebounds, his fourth double-double of the season.

UK started out the game sluggish, making only four of its first 16 shots, but soon found its rhythm, ending the game hitting 52 percent of its shots. Still, Eastern kept the game close, as they were able to counter

most UK runs with 3-pointers. ECU freshman guard Adam Leonard fueled the Colonels with a career-high 20 points. All but two of his scores were made from behind the arc.

The streak against the Colonels is now 10-0 for the Cats.

Houston

1/3/2007 The Cats opened up the New Year with offensive woes. UK never trailed against Houston but still had their worst shooting game of the season, hitting a dismal 39 percent from the field.

But was enough for UK, in the end, as they beat Houston 77-70. Junior Center Randolph Morris lead the Cats with 20 points, including a turn-around jumper when the game was tied with less than three minutes to play that put UK up for good. Houston out-scored the Cats in the paint 30-26.

Ole Miss

1/6/2007 After a poor offensive performance against Houston, the Cats bounced back in their Southeastern Conference opener to beat Ole Miss 68-58. Junior guard Joe Crawford tied his career high with 23 points to lead the Cats who shot 25-of-45 from the field.

However the game was not won on the Cats offense, but their defense. UK kept Ole Miss to 2-of-13 from the field in the final 12 minutes leading head coach Tubby Smith to call the game the best defensive performance of the year.

Randolph Morris had 14 points and 10 rebounds while Ramel Bradley added 13 points and five assists in the victory.

The Cats now carry an eight game winning streak into Rupp Arena tonight as they host Auburn.

— Chris Miles

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

UK Hoops notches 7-1 record in month's span

UK v. Arkansas Pine-Bluff

12/17/2006 The Cats dominated Arkansas Pine-Bluff 83-46, using a 21-0 run early in the second half to keep the game beyond doubt. Three Cats hit double figures in the game. Senior guard Jenny Pfeiffer lead the team with 15 points while senior center Jennifer Humphrey had six points and 12 rebounds.

Mississippi Valley State

12/19/2006 Junior center Sarah Elliott led the Cats with 21 points as a strong inside presence land guided the Cats to a 84-37 win. UK out-scored the Delta Devils 38-10 in the paint and limited them to just 12 second-half points. It was the third 20-point game of the season that Elliott.

Southern

12/21/2006 Pfeiffer led her team in scoring with 21 points, including five 3-pointers, as the Cats beat Southern 70-44. Three UK players scored in double figures in the rout that began with a 16-3 offensive blitz at Memorial Coliseum. UK shot a season-high 48 percent, including 46 percent from behind the arc.

Kent State

12/29/2006 The Cats kept their five-game win streak sizzling as they shot 47 percent to beat Kent State 82-47 in San Antonio. Sophomore point guard Carly Ornerod led her team with 17 points. The Cats hit a season high nine 3-pointers.

Memphis

12/30/2006 Mickie DeMoss' team ended

the 2006 year on fire, beating their last five opponents by 26 points or more. The end-of-the-year domination was capped off with an 86-51 win over Memphis. But the win was not as easy as might seem, as there were two ties and eight lead changes in the first 17 minutes of the game. But UK would out-score the Tigers 41-17 in the second half to clinch the victory.

Texas-Pan American

1/2/2007 The Cats continued their hot streak as they beat Texas-Pan America 77-45. Humphrey had 11 points and a season-high 16 rebounds. Pfeiffer lead the team with 19 points, including four 3-pointers.

South Carolina

1/4/2007 Junior guard Samantha Mahoney and Sarah Elliott

scored a combined 35 points as the Cats were able to overcome the Gamecocks 59-55 in their SEC opener. South Carolina was able to cool UK's recent offensive hot hand and both teams ended the game virtually statically even.

Ohio State

1/6/2007 The No. 7 Buckeyes ended UK's eight game win streak, beating the Cats 53-51 in Columbus, Ohio. The game ran down to the wire with Ohio State hitting a crucial jumper with 16 seconds left and Mahoney's shot under the basket with one second left to tie the game was deflected.

UK plays Alabama at Tuscaloosa on Thursday.

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where it goes from there." Archer isn't the only UK coach to leave the team this week.

Ron Caragher, former recruiting coordinator and running backs coach, resigned to take the head coaching job at

the University of San Diego on Monday.

Brooks said that at this time of year, especially after the Cats finished 8-5 and beat Clemson in the Music City Bowl, it is not uncommon to have other schools inquiring about its coaches.

"When you have a good staff it probably ought to happen," he said Friday. "If you're doing the right things, and you have good people on

your staff, other people should be interested in them and this year's no exception to that."

Archer did enough good things this year — including holding high-powered offensive attacks from Tennessee and Clemson to just 17 and 20 points respectively — to move on to another job, one he said he is ready for.

"I'm looking forward to the next opportunity and challenge," Archer said.

UK recruiting coordinator takes head coaching job at San Diego

KERNEL STAFF REPORT



Caragher

UK recruiting coordinator and special teams coach Ron Caragher accepted the head coaching position at the University of San Diego yesterday. "I'm very pleased for Ron that he got a head coaching job. I wish him nothing but the best," said UK head coach Rich Brooks. "Ron has done a tremendous job coaching the running backs, and the last two years as recruiting coordinator."

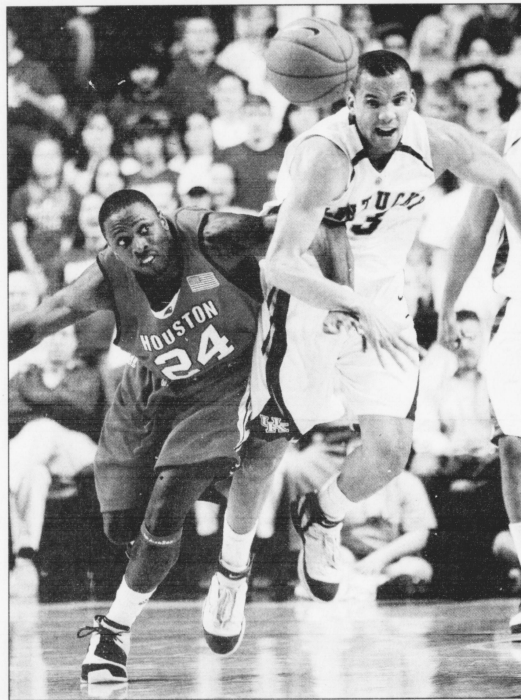
Caragher has been on Brooks' staff for four years. In his first season coach-

ing the running backs, UK scored 24 rushing touchdowns, the most since 1995.

Caragher is a native of Morgan Hill, Calif., and will be replacing Jim Harbaugh, who departed in December to accept the head coaching position at Stanford.

Brooks has yet to name any possible replacements for Caragher.

"We'll try to get someone in place in the near future," he said. "We could reassign the recruiting coordinator responsibility internally or do it as a new hire."



ED MATTHEWS | STAFF

Senior forward Bobby Perry battles with senior forward Jahmar Thorpe in a game against Houston on Jan. 3.

AUBURN

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us, they got a lot of lay-ups on us. We have got to do a much better job there."

If the Cats do make strides in that area, and continue to improve everywhere else, they could find themselves back in the national rankings with a few more wins.

But that doesn't matter to Smith. So much so, he said he has never voted in the coaches poll.

Right now, he's just concerned with Auburn, and the rest of the SEC.

"We need to play better," Smith said. "If we take care of business, we'll be fine."

Speech will not conflict with game

President George W. Bush will address the nation at 9 p.m. in a prime-time speech, but the speech will not affect those watching the UK-Auburn basketball game.

The Cats and the Tigers tip off at 8 p.m., and when President Bush begins his speech, WKYT, will move the game over to WKYT-DT (CW affiliate). The game will return to WKYT after the speech, which is expected to last 20-25 minutes.

UK vs. AUBURN

Site Rupp Arena, 8 p.m.
Series UK leads 80-17
Television Lincoln Financial
Coaches UK: Tubby Smith (16th year overall, 377-136, 10th at UK 253-74)
 AU: Jeff Lebo (9th year overall, 152-101, 3rd at AU, 37-38)

AU (11-5, 1-0)

Pos.	Player	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Pts.	Rb.
G	Frank Tolbert	6-4	210	Jr.	11.8	5.5
G	Rashem Barrett	6-5	220	So.	12.9	4.8
G	Quantez Robertson	6-3	190	So.	7.9	5.3*
F	Korvotny Barber	6-7	220	So.	13.4	6.9
F	Josh Dollard	6-7	235	So.	11.6	7.6

*assists

UK (12-3, 1-0 SEC)

Pos.	Player	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Pts.	Rb.
G	Rantel Bradley	6-2	176	Jr.	13.3	3.9
G	Joe Crawford	6-5	211	Jr.	13.1	3.9
G	Derrick Jasper	6-6	213	Fr.	5.1	3.9
F	Bobby Perry	6-8	215	Sr.	6.8	4.0
C	Randolph Morris	6-11	259	Jr.	16.7	8.2

WHO TO WATCH

For UK: Bobby Perry. Perry is in the middle of a 1-for-14 shooting slump. He might not seem like the player to watch for UK, but he is bound to snap out of the streak eventually. He will be aided by Auburn's short lineup that will almost certainly double-team Morris down low to make up for the height deficiency. Perry, perhaps in an attempt to keep his mind off of his cold shooting, was not made available to the media yesterday. Sooner or later, Perry will snap out of the funk.

For AU: Korvotny Barber. Barber leads the Tigers in scoring and is second on the team in rebounding. He shoots 64.9 percent from the field, which leads the SEC. Like Chris Lofton, he could come back to haunt the Cats as a recruit that got away. Smith said yesterday at his pregame news conference that UK recruited Barber. He didn't say why Barber chose the Tigers over the Cats.

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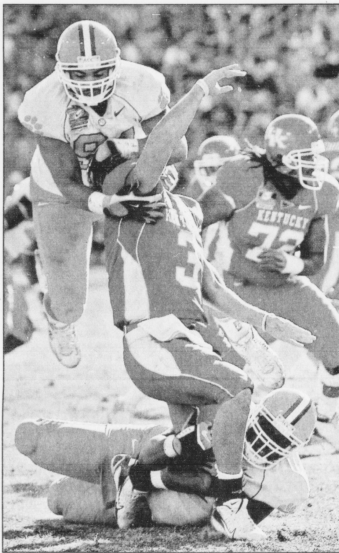


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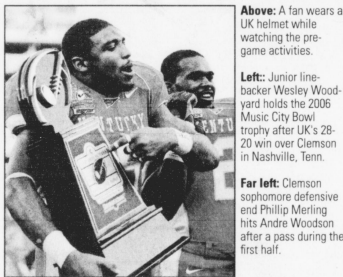
Freshman linebacker Micah Johnson leaps over the Clemson defensive line for UK's first of four touchdowns in the Music City Bowl in Nashville, Tenn. KEITH SMILEY | STAFF



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Left: Junior linebacker Wesley Woodward holds the 2006 Music City Bowl trophy after UK's 28-20 win over Clemson in Nashville, Tenn.

Far left: Clemson sophomore defensive end Phillip Merling hits Andre Woodson after a pass during the first half.

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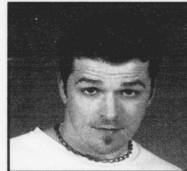
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